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Community Choir presents their annual gift of music

Elk Point Community Choir came to their home stage at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre on Friday evening, after entertaining appreciative crowds across the area, to present their annual gift of Christmas music; with this year's special guests including St. Paul's talented Bell Choir, 'Resonate.' Story on Page 2.

Extravaganza self-supporting, but needs some changes for next year

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce wound up the year on a generally optimistic note, happy to learn that the 2016 Christmas Extravaganza donations had covered the expenses as well as providing prizes for 14 lucky shoppers, who had 10 extra days as well as Extravaganza Saturday to enter the Shop Elk Point First draw. "We were a little concerned but we didn't lose money," a very relieved president Jonny Nielsen said.

Extravaganza planning will require a much earlier start as well as some fine tuning for next year's event, however. It was noted that while the Servus Credit Union's hockey shootout, with Elks Hockey Club as partners, was a huge success, it was the only outdoor event on Main Street, and more events, includ-

ing the usual bonfire, which somehow was missed in the planning process, would have added to the fun. The cookie decorating session, with Golden Loaf Bakery supplying the cookies and trimmings and RONA supplying the location and volunteers to supervise, went well, and Santa enjoyed visiting with a long lineup of youngsters at the Elk Point Co-op food store during the afternoon.

More barricades are needed on the parade route, along with volunteers to set up and take down the barricades in the downtown area. The town's Public Works crew did deliver an adequate number of barricades for the downtown street closure, but leave it up to the chamber volunteers to put them in place as needed and to remove them after the parade. It was suggested that the

Public Works superintendent be invited to attend the planning meetings.

The parade route was also questioned, but it was noted that attempts in earlier years to shorten the route had met with considerable opposition, as the residents of the seniors housing units and Heritage Lodge enjoy seeing the parade go by their locations.

Nielsen said the fire-works delay resulted from the strength and direction of the wind, which required that some of the spectators had to be moved back to a safer distance before the show could go on. He offered a big thank you to the fire department for their help in securing the site, and also thanked the committee for organizing the day's activities.

CAO Ken Gwozdz added thanks to all the volunteers on behalf of the Town.

High Speed Internet

Gwozdz gave the chamber members a brief rundown on the Axia presentation at the last town council meeting, and said that company is hoping to work with up to 40 communities across Alberta to provide fibre optic internet service to residents and businesses, at no cost to the municipalities for installing the lines. The town will be represented at a meeting in St. Paul on Dec. 19 to learn about broadband opportunities, Gwozdz said, and "we are looking at all the options."

Town Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich, who attended the recent Deputy Ministers meeting along with Nielsen and representatives of many other chambers, said that the Telus CAO had indicated at that event that Telus "is shooting at getting all areas of the province" served with high speed internet.

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Lighting judging dates set for Dec. 18 to 23

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Choir, guests salute the season with music

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

"Nothing compares to the delicate sound of a bell choir," Elk Point Community Choir director Udo Mueller said at the choir's hometown Christmas Concert on Friday night, after St. Paul's Bell Choir, 'Resonate,' charmed the audience with five delightful numbers.

Mueller also had the opportunity to be part of the choir that evening, when he stepped in at the last minute to fill a vacancy.

'Resonate' took centre stage midway through the concert, following six numbers by the Community Choir.

Choir president Barb Buryn welcomed the audience and said the choir has been "very busy spreading our joy of music in several communities," and reminded them that both the choir's newly released CD and tickets to the choir's 2017 dinner theatre, "a fun play with loads of laughs" entitled 'A Day at the Java Shop and Greyhound Bus Depot' would make wonderful Christmas gifts.

Starting off the program with their traditional a cappella version of 'Just Let Me Sing,' the choir was accompanied by Sheila Hatch in 'Sing With the Angels' and 'All on a Silent Night,' with that favourite carol woven into the medley.

Kelsey Taylor took over the piano for 'Starlight Shining on the Baby,' and moved to the hand drum, with Hatch returning to the piano and Dixie Coleman wielding the shakers in the up-tempo 'Goin' to See the Baby.'

The choir's first set ended with 'Star of Wonder,' again accompanied by Taylor and Coleman, with Shirley Osinchuk adding the finger cymbals and Barb Buryn the guiro for the a cappella number.

Three conductors led 'Resonate' through their numbers, Joanne Lamoureux leading them in a magical rendition of 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel,' where she explained, the choir "made the bells sing" with their efforts, and the sprightly notes of "Ding! Dong! Merrily On High." Patricia Gervais took over the podium for "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," which added parts of other favourite carols to the classic. Don Buryn led the bell choir in "The First Noel," and noted that this was the first season for two of the ringers. Lamoureux was back at the podium for the cheerful final number by 'Resonate', "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year."

Another seasonal treat came from the Men's Quartet, made up of Linden Lundback, Udo Mueller, Garry Townsend and Alan Kostyniuk, who sang "Gloria" and "Not Just Any Night."

The choir began their final set with a grownup version of the school concert staple, "We Wish You



CLEAR AS A BELL - Don Buryn conducts the St. Paul Bell Choir, 'Resonate', in their rendition of 'The First Noel.'

a Merry Christmas," this one entitled "A Merry Christmas Wish." An inspiring "Canon of Joy" followed, before Kelsey Taylor and Robyn Sieben on flutes and Dixie Coleman on shakers added their sounds to Sheila Hatch's piano for the rollicking "Christmas in Killarney."

Mueller handed over the podium to his daughter, Kelsey Taylor, and took over the piano for the next number, "Holiday Road," with Alan Kostyniuk adding his guitar to the lively number.

"Tonight's been fun," Mueller said before leading the choir in their final number, adding that earlier

in the week, he had taken the Glen Avon School choir to see 'A Christmas Carol' in Edmonton. "The Christmas season is filled with anticipation, it's a time of memories, memory-making and merriment." The choir has performed a number of concerts this season, he noted, from Beauvallon to Bonnyville and St. Paul, and also performed at Grace Gardens and Sunnyside Manor.

"I hope you leave here humming a tune and with a smile on your face," the conductor added before returning to the podium for "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!"



Men's quartet

Alan Kostyniuk, Garry Townsend, Linden Lundback and Udo Mueller combine their voices in 'Gloria' at Friday's Elk Point Community Choir Christmas Concert.

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Chamber

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Airport lighting

Gwozdz also gave an overview of the situation at the Elk Point Airport, which is owned by the province and operated jointly by the town and county. Lighting deficiencies currently prevent night landings which is a concern regarding fixed wing medivac planes. The town has two reports completed that should help to obtain grant funding and needs two more reports from the engineers to further assist in grant applications.

Looking like Christmas

With plans to judge the Residential Christmas Lighting Contest the week of Dec. 18 to 23, the executive was asked to look into whether last year's winners had been paid, an oversight which has now been taken care of.

Winners of the Business Decorating contest sponsored by the town's Recreation Department were Servus Credit Union, who will be presented with the chamber's challenge trophy to display for the coming year, with Elk Point Insurance and Bumper to Bumper sharing second prize and each receiving \$50 toward a pizza party.

Tourism 2107

Kevin Kisilevich of East of Edmonton gave an overview of that tourism publication's plans for the coming year, with the chamber agreeing to purchase a half page ad. The chamber will also join with the town in contributing to the Alberta's Lakeland 2017 promotion.

Deputy Ministers' meeting

Both Nielsen and Yaremkevich felt the Deputy Ministers' meeting provided good information and great networking opportunities with over 40 other chambers in attendance, and agreed, "We made ourselves visible. We were in the right place at the right time." They also had the opportunity to hear Doug Griffiths' dynamic new presentation.

Health meeting

Nielsen also attended an Alberta Health meeting in Camrose, and was one of five non-medical people there. He said the meeting had very good facilitators, and that the consensus of those attending was "what we have all said, decisions for health care centres need to be made at those health care centres. I think it was a valuable trip."

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Interleague games cancelled, but Avalanche coaches scramble and action continues

All the interleague games had been cancelled earlier this past week, which left most of the team managers scrambling to find a game for their team rather than sit idle for the weekend. Nothing at all this past weekend came up for the Midget Avalanche who were scheduled to play Redwater and couldn't find another team to play. Too bad too, because this would have been a very good game to gauge their performance for the upcoming Zone 2 provincial round robins.



**doug
BASSETT**
Review Sports

The **Atom Avalanche** also had an interleague game booked against Lamont, but when it was cancelled they managed to book a game against the Marwayne Tier One Sled Dogs. Right off the drop of the puck in the opening period, the Sled Dogs took a jump and it was 3 to 0 when the teams retired to the dressing room after the first period. In the second period the Avalanche managed to get the three goals back while allowing only one, Phoenix Quinney-Canning with a one timer assisted by Cash Capjack and Ryan 'Ram Rod' Cameron. The second one by D-man Sam 'Spiderman' Rogal scoring assisted by another solid rushing blue liner 'St Nic' Penner. Then 'King Kong Konnor' Poitras would come through with a huge power play goal, set up nicely by Phoenix Canning and 'Bo Diddley' Fontaine. 'Bo Diddley' did most of the bull work in this one, carried the puck into the zone and to the net, eventually resulting in the goal. The score 4 to 3 after the second period looked very promising and even though they had been outshot very badly, the little Avalanche goaltender, 'Kid Kade' Fontaine was holding his own. The third period was all Sled Dogs once again, they poured on the pressure and added another three goals, the final 7 to 3 for the Dogs. This was a good test for our Atoms, whose record is now 10 wins and 2 losses on the season. Playing a Tier One team, you need to react faster, when you play the weaker teams you have much more time to decide what to do with the puck.

The **Novice 1A** team played a great game on Saturday at home against St. Paul, winning 8 to 2. Raif 'Rug Rat' Evans Anderson was awesome in net. Playing in his first season, Everett Lindsay scoring his first goal ever but certainly not his last. His mom will be keeping that puck for sure for his trophy case. A hat trick for speedster Madden 'Mad Dog' Flamand. Moved to the forward line from defense, Spencer Malachowski scoring her first goal ever. 'Without a Trace' Morgan, Sebastien Brousseau and 'Hurricane Kayl' Warawa all putting one behind the goalie too. Two assists for 'Notorious Nolan' Ballas, and up from the farm team, 'Wyatt Earp' Fontaine with two assists as well. On Sunday they traveled to Saddle Lake, winning this one easily 17 to 2. Hat tricks for 'Mad Dog', Spencer Malachowski and Everett Lindsey. Two goals each for 'Hurricane Kayl', Boe Johnson, and 'Without a Trace', one each for 'Notorious Nolan' and Sebastien Brousseau. Lots of assists by 'Stellar Ella' Ballas.

The **Novice 1B** team played at home on Sunday against the Marwayne/

Dewberry Colts team, and it turned into a real barnburner, the final score 6 to 5 in favor of the Colts. Great goaltending at both ends of the rink, the Avalanche goalie Brenden Kadutski was making sensational saves. 'Good Time Charlie' Lesyk with a hat trick, his brother Braylee 'B.J.' Lesyk with one, and Miles Koren tapping one in from the side of the net. Evett 'Snoopy' Smereka, Anna 'the Banana' Henderson and Kale Ockerman all with assists. Kaysen DeMoissac was terrific on the back checking and lassoed a number of Colts rushes dead in their tracks.

This year has been challenging for the **Storm** girls, when they put out so much effort and get very little results. This last Saturday in Cold Lake there was some decent effort in the first period, but in the second period there wasn't any effort at all and the result was not very pretty, the floodgates opened. Ugly!! Enough said about that game. Halle 'Comet' Stybel named the player of the game, she did give a 100 per cent for the whole 60 minutes, but we needed more from the rest of the team. On Sunday it was a new day, and just like night and day, in Elk Point when the Storm hosted Wainwright and put out one the best, if not the best effort that we have seen all year. Chipping the puck off the boards like they learned in practice and getting it out of our zone, dumping and chasing and fore-checking and especially back checking by the whole team, forwards and defense, everyone working like a team. Maybe there is light at the end of the tunnel? Some games I wondered if that light is the freight train coming! Between the pipes, goalie Heaven 'Brick House' Colbourne was a solid wall with no cracks and stoned Wainwright forwards on a number of occasions, she covered up the puck really well on the rebounds. Jace 'Jackhammer' Weidmark was named the Storm Trooper of the game. The gritty hard nosed defense woman Jace was all over the place.... rushing with the puck, taking shots on net then back checking hard and blocking shots.

Much like the Storm, the **Peewee Avalanche** have had their share of challenges this year, trying to play in the Tier Two league. This past Saturday was one of their better games when they hosted Cold Lake, in fact the boys were winning 3 to 1 after the first period. Things went a little downhill after that but it was still a great game for goalie Vanden 'Super Mario' Moroziuk, who faced 65 shots in the end and was awarded the heart and hustle. 'Mic Jager' Fonatine scoring all four goals for the Avalanche, team captain Kobe 'the Cobra' Warawa setting him up. Defenseman Cea Jay Quinney, Odin 'the Wall' Smith, Josef 'Red' Theriault and Dean 'the Machine' Ockerman all shot blocking machines, stopped another dozen or so shots.

The **Bantam Avalanche** traveled northwest to Barrhead this past weekend to take part in a tournament there, winning all three games in the round robin, 10 to 7 over High Prairie, 7 to 4 over Maskawacis, and 7 to 5 over Athabasca, sending them to the A final against the host Barrhead, losing this one, 8 to 6, giving them second place in the A side. Too many goals and assists to list, but

everyone on the team contributed.

I don't know if you happened to catch the Elks vs Marwayne game on Friday night, but this one was very thrilling, the Elks tied the game with just 37 seconds left, it was still tied 2-all after the overtime, and it took 12 shooters for each team, the Elks coming out on top after Mark Brodwin scored the final, and Jordyn Wozniak scored one earlier, two guys who played minor hockey right here at the good old A.G.R.

Happy Birthday going out today to a talented former minor hockey player, Darcy Stafford. Also happy birthday to a loyal hockey supporter Marie Loughran, whose very talented sons,

grandsons and granddaughter all played minor and senior Elks hockey in Elk Point. And to another hockey mom, Susan MacKinnon, who you will see at the Elks games, her son 'Clear the Track Here Comes Zach' played lots of minor hockey here, then went on a college scholarship in New York and played there and then returned and played a few seasons with the Elks too.

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week. "After 13 years, I couldn't accept to be Number Two." Last week's answer to "I always believed no matter how many shots I miss, I'm going to make the next one."- Isaiah Thomas.

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Deadline extended - see Page 6!

EDITORIAL

Thanks to our caring community

This has been a difficult year for many people and many businesses in our area, but amazingly enough, it has not stopped the flow of generosity that makes the Christmas season a very special time of year.

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce was worried that donations toward the Christmas Extravaganza would be few and far between, and they would have to dig deep into their coffers to pay for the fireworks that help to make this a signature event. They were also doubtful that they would be able to offer much in the way of prizes for a shoppers' draw. But donations came in, perhaps not in the amounts that were received in more prosperous times, but enough to pay the bills, and some of the donations came in the form of gift certificates that allowed the chamber to hand out 14 prizes, including \$250 in Christmas cash.

Elk Point Community Lions, who facilitate the Santas Anonymous campaign each year, were also a bit apprehensive, but once again, the community came through in a big way, with food bag donations filling cart after cart at the Co-op as well as donations of both food and toys piling up in the bright red Santas Anonymous boxes around town, and cash donations coming in as well. Elk Point Elementary School students got on the bandwagon with a food drive as well, one that was designed so everyone could contribute to the best of their ability.

Donations small and large add up to make a tremendous difference, and all those who contribute have played a role in making this festive season brighter and better for those who need it the most.

RECREATION CORNER

New deadline set for Community Enhancement grant

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Review Contributor

The Town of Elk Point is now accepting the Community Enhancement grant applications. you may know this grant as the MSI Funding Grant.

Basically, if you're a non-profit organization, sports or arts club, community group in Elk Point, that betters or enhances our community, you could be eligible for money from the Town.

If you do not have an application package, which was handed out at Community Information Night, you can receive one via email, town@elkpoint.ca or stop by the Town Office.

If you have any questions regarding the application please don't hesitate to contact me at 780-207-5898.

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Way Back When...

Church dedication, dogsled arrival, downtown skating

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1986

Elk Point's Baptist congregation and Pastor John McGregor rejoiced in the dedication of their new church, with over 200 people on hand for the ceremony. A proposal to transport seniors from Heritage Lodge, Fort George Manor and Buckingham House to downtown Elk Point and back once a week went to the FCSS board after being studied by Town Council.

1991

Provincial Minister of Culture Doug Main and MP Deborah Grey were both on hand for the kickoff of the Bicentennial year at the Christmas Extravaganza, Main lighting the symbolic bonfire and Grey arriving by dogsled before attending the Fur Trappers Supper at the Elks Hall.

1996

Serious sport went out the window as the CFCW Country Critters came to town to take on the Elk Point Minor Hockey coaches. A downtown skating rink, indoor entertainment, snowbank sliding and rides on a big red wagon pulled by Ollie Fedorus and his vintage John Deere were all part of the fun at Christmas Extravaganza.

SANTA'S HELPERS

- Elk Point Elementary School librarian Diane Dewan, along with her elves and the Grade 5B class, brought 22 bags of non-perishable items that the Elk Point Elementary School collected, to the 2006 Christmas Convoy when it visited Elk Point Co-op.



2001

Petrovera announced plans to drill as many as 27 new wells in the Ross Lake area, when they hosted an open house at Frog Lake Community Hall. Town Council spent much of their final meeting of the year on financial plans for the coming year, and passed their operational budget which included a five percent increase in Northern Lights Library System levy.

2006

The portion of the North Saskatchewan River in Banff National Park had been a heritage river since 1989, and Billie Milholland of the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance told the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce that the portion "from the Saskatchewan glacier to the Alberta - Saskatchewan border will hopefully be designated on its cultural value."

2011

Musicians, singers and youngsters from five local churches joined two other communities for Elk Point's annual inter-denominational Christmas Cantata at Elk Point United Church with a good crowd in attendance to enjoy the songs and stories of Christmas. Elk Point's Visitor Information EcoCentre was decorated with a series of five photographs dating back to its predecessor, the Elk Point CNR railway station, scanned from originals loaned by Allan and Rhonda Berg.

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Shoppers help Lions, say Good Buy to Hunger



Elk Point Community Lions received a heap of help from Elk Point Co-op shoppers who purchased an estimated 175 bags of "Say Good Buy to Hunger" groceries. The Lions were on hand at Tuesday's Members Day to load up cart after cart of bags in the B & R Eckels truck, with the help of two Elk Point firefighters and Phoenix Colbourne.



Volunteers Sheridan Naths, Diane Peifer, Phoenix Colbourne, Susan Frisby, Mike Ernst, Doug Bassett and Sandie Bishop take a well-deserved rest after unloading the bags at Elk Point Further Education, where the Community Lions will make up the Santas Anonymous hampers this week.

ELK POINT BAPTIST CHURCH

Review Contributors

On Dec. 4, family, friends and the congregation of Elk Point Baptist Church enjoyed 33 players presenting an inspirational arrangement of the Christmas story. Weaving musical presentations, revealing readings and an impressive play, the Sunday School members told the wonderful story of the coming of Jesus Christ, that was paved the way by hundreds of years of promises that came true – right down to the last detail. Lois Doering, along with the teaching staff pre-

pared the students for a terrific performance.



Along with some congregational caroling, Nemiah Goulet and other students provided instrumental solos.

More than a dozen students delighted the audience with a play called 'O Christmas Tree'. What if

your Christmas tree could listen to your conversation? Reaching back into the Old Testament story in the Book of Judges, the players reminded us that Christmas points away from self-aggrandizement and points us to Jesus, who is the Christ, our Savior.

The theme of the entire presentation was 'God can fulfill, has fulfilled, and will fulfill all His promises. He can always be trusted. The morning celebration was concluded with a terrific brunch wrapping up a wonderful Sunday School program and giving the teachers and students a well-deserved break.



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Interfaith Cantata gets Elk Point set for Christmas

VICKI BROOKER
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Voices and musicians from Elk Point Christian Community Church, Elk Point United Church, Glad Tidings Pentecostal Assembly of Vermilion and St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church joined St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church in musical praise at the annual Interfaith Cantata on Sunday evening, directed by Margaret Bayduza.

Gabe Bayduza, Irwin Panganiban and John Bennett on piano, Tom Valleau on recorder, Jim Voutour on guitar, Joey, Timmy and David Cardinal and Leland

Henry with rhythm instruments accompanied songs by both the combined choir, who performed "When a Child is Born," "Children, Go Where I Send You," "This Peaceful Night," "I Am the Light of the World," "O Come and Sing of Christmas" and "Silent Night," and by the congregation.

Fr. Gerard Gauthier welcomed the group with an opening prayer. Scripture readings came from Fr. Gauthier, Lena Stepa, Sandy Kummertz, Pastor Bill Kryzanowski and Judith Valleau, with Fr. Mark Sych giving the final benediction to end a glorious evening of worship in song.



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* After School Craft Program, Thursday, Dec. 15 at 3:45 p.m.

* Christmas closure from Dec. 23 to Jan. 2, inclusive, open for regular hours on Jan. 3, 2017.

The Library Board and staff wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



UKRAINIAN CAROLERS Joey and Timmy Cardinal, Lawrence Pidluzny, Mary Bezpalko, Stephen Rolheiser and Margaret Bayduza sing 'God Eternal.'



CHOIR DIRECTOR Margaret Bayduza leads the boys in 'Away in a Manger.'



A FILIPINO CAROL was presented by Sheena, Dian and Josie Panganiban and their little helper, with Irwin Panganiban at the piano.

Seniors enjoy Christmas Dinner

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

A capacity crowd of seniors and their families braved bitterly cold winds on Sunday for the annual Seniors' Christmas Dinner at the Elk Point Seniors' Recreation Centre, with Pioneer Circle president Laverne Wilson, who introduced a long lineup of special guests, noting that "We're all important."

Following grace by Pastor Jim MacLellan and a fine turkey dinner served up by Shirley's Catering, four of those special guests had an opportunity to offer Christmas greetings.

Deputy Mayor Lorne Young brought greetings from Mayor Parrish Tung and his wife, and thanked all who were involved in planning the annual event. He congratulated the seniors on "all they do, day after day, week after week; they're always doing something for the community." He noted that the County of St. Paul is "a huge partner" of the recreation centre, and was responsible for removing the house that stood near the centre and turning that lot into an expanded parking lot.

County Coun. Dwight Dach, speaking on behalf of County council, brought "warm greetings and wishes for good health and happiness in the New Year."

"I see a lot more friends every time we come here," MLA David Hanson said, inviting everyone to an open house at his constituency office in St. Paul this coming Friday afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m. He noted that the legislative session is now two weeks longer than originally planned, "and we're trying to keep the government's feet to the fire."

RCMP Sgt. Barry LaRocque had listened to a radio discussion earlier that morning about the definition of a senior citizen, which he said appeared to have many levels. "It's only when you hit 100 that you're a



SING ALONG - The seniors enjoyed their usual sing-along of Christmas favourites, with Gabe Bayduza at the piano and Velma Pease and MC Laverne Wilson leading the singing.

senior senior," he said. He takes pleasure in working with seniors and called them "the lifeblood of the community, who are driving the community and taking care of it, providing stability. We have to value seniors more." He brought greetings on behalf of the detachment and asked the seniors that when the detachment's new, 23-year-old member arrives, that they "take him under your wing" the way they have other members.

Wilson said he had a warning for the RCMP regarding their new detachment building that is now under construction. He said it could be "a sinking ship. That was where my father had his CNR tool shed, and it sunk further every year."

The afternoon wrapped up with door prizes, going to Connie Currey, Diane Hyslop, Adeline Trach, Margaret Modin, Gil Classen and Ron Smith.

Shootout times 12 for Elks win

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

It took a marathon shootout with a dozen attempts from each team, but in the end, Elk Point Elks recorded a 3-2 win over Marwayne Comets on Friday night, with Mark Brodbin finally sending the winning shot past Marwayne's Dustin Irvine.

Brodbin also scored the Elks' first goal of the game, just after midpoint of the second period, with assists from Chevy Botting and Sean Joly. Marwayne tied the score six minutes later, to go into the second intermission with a 1-1 tie.

Marwayne took the lead nine minutes into the final frame, and held the lead until there were only 37 seconds left on the clock and the Elks had an extra attacker, with goalie Paul Boulianne retreating to the players' box, Matthew Boulianne firing the parting shot off an assist by Joly.

Five minutes of overtime couldn't break the 2-2 tie, and a best-of-five shootout yielded one goal from each team, Jordyn Wozniak making the Elks' marker, with six shooters from the Elks and seven from the Comets making unsuccessful attempts before Brodbin scored the winner.

The win puts the Elks at second in the west division of the SaskAlta Hockey League standings, two points behind the undefeated Wainwright Rustlers, with their 16 points equal to both the Comets and the Lashburn Flyers, the top two teams in the east division.

The Elks came into the game after a one win, one loss weekend on Dec. 2 and 3.

On Dec. 2, third period goals by Chevy Botting and Devin Moneta, both unassisted, gave the Elks a 2-1 win over Vermilion Rock, while on Dec. 3 in Viking, both Scott Ward and Chevy Botting recorded hat tricks, assisted by Myles Quinney, Dyson Karbaszewski, Matthew Boulianne, Davin Buck, Derek Boulianne, Jason Kalynchuk and Derek West, tying the game with six minutes left, but the hometown Gas Kings added a pair of goals before the final buzzer to take the 8-6 win.

This weekend, the Elks play at home against the Wainwright Rustlers on Friday at 8:30, so let's all go cheer them on.!